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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE EXPEDITIOUS PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO REHABILITATE  
PUMP 1 AND APPURTENANT COMPONENTS, GEARS, AND SHAFTS  
AT SEASIDE PUMP STATION  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this contract work is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in an amount not to exceed a total of \$200,000 and without complying with standard County procurement policies and procedures to procure on an expeditious basis the necessary services, equipment, and supplies for the expeditious rehabilitation of Pump 1 and appurtenant mechanical components at Seaside Pump Station located in the City of Long Beach to restore flood protection to the surrounding area.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action will authorize the Director of Public Works to execute contracts without complying with the standard County procurement process for the rehabilitation of Pump 1 at the Seaside Pump Plant which recently suffered a mechanical failure. This pump plant provides flood protection to the southern portion of the City of Long Beach by collecting storm water from several storm drains and pumping the water into the Los Angeles River.

The loss of Pump 1 has diminished the capacity of the facility by one third. Pump 1 is also the only nonelectrically operated pump at Seaside Pump Plant. Should a power failure occur during a storm, the pump plant would be nonfunctional. We are preparing plans and specifications to rehabilitate Pump 1 and will be able to negotiate contracts upon approval of this action.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will preserve our ability to operate Seaside Pump Plant thereby providing flood protection to surrounding properties.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The cost of the required contract services are expected to be in the range of \$160,000 to \$200,000. Funds are available in the Public Works 2002-03 budget to cover the cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

It is your Board's policy to require a publicly advertised, competitive selection process for the acquisition of services and equipment when possible. Because we are in the midst of the rainy season, we need to rehabilitate the pump quickly. The need for expeditious work precludes the use of a formal competitive solicitation for bids. We will negotiate a contract or contracts with experienced and qualified companies who will provide and install the necessary equipment to rehabilitate the pump.

The plans and specifications for the rehabilitation will include the contractual provisions, workmanship standards, and equipment requirements necessary for the prosecution of this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended contract, which is for services of a highly technical and temporary nature.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This work is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Public Resources Code Sections 21080 (b)(2) and (4) and California State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15269 (b) and (c).

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The project specifications will contain provisions (1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, and (3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Employee Jury Service Program.

The project specifications will also contain a provision that should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Programs.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Contracting for these services will supplement County forces and expedite the necessary rehabilitation to restore the pumping capacity of the pump plant. If this work is not performed quickly, there is a probability that the capacity of the pump plant and level of flood protection to the surrounding properties will be severely compromised during storm operations, particularly during power outages when the facility's electrical pumps would not operate.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter and resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
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